

Newsletter 15th July

End of term

As the end of term approaches I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of our staff for their hard work this year. It is lovely that the restrictions have eased and that we have been able to enjoy a full programme of summer events.

However, even this week we have staff absent with Covid. It seems that we will have to live with this uncertainty even into the next academic year. We would not have been able to manage the high levels of staff absence, particularly in the Spring term, if it were not for the flexibility of our staff and their commitment to the children.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your support this year. I wish you all a safe and healthy summer holiday. I wish the staff who are leaving all the best in their next jobs. Finally, we wish all the Y6 children who are moving on to secondary school success and good luck in the future.

Hot Weather Warning

There is a heatwave warning in place for the beginning of next week. This week we have been keeping the children as cool as possible opening doors and windows, closing blinds and using the shaded area of the school field and playgrounds. We have encouraged them to drink water and wear hats and suncream whenever they are outside. We have also bought some more fans. (Thank you FOSP). The children should come to school in light weight clothing- school summer dresses and shorts are ideal or the children can come in school PE kit- white t shirt and dark shorts (not team football kits). We will continue to plan for each day based on the weather.

Dates

Our Autumn term will start on September 1st with a staff training day. The children will return on 2nd September.

Picnic Lunch

All of our parents and carers (Pre-school to Year 6) are invited to join us for our end of term picnic on the 21st July. The gates at the front of the school will opened at 12.00. Please bring your picnic and a blanket to sit on. For safety reasons we will not be able to keep the gates open throughout the lunchtime. We will open and close again at 1 pm.

Scooter Pods

We were very pleased to receive an Essex Locality Fund Grant to enable us to purchase the 2 scooter pods located at the front of school. It was lovely to see them in use straight away.



Y 5/6 play

The children in Year 5/6 have worked hard on their production of 'Oh What a Knight' and the three performances this week have been fantastic. We are always amazed by the talent that emerges as rehearsals begin. We have not been disappointed this year.

We are very proud of you all!

Thank you to all of the staff who have supported and encouraged the children.



Y6 SATS

In the light of the disruption to their education over the last 2 years, I think all of the children should feel very proud of their achievements this year. As a school, we are very pleased with our SATS results. All of the results were in line or above the national average. I would like to thank the teachers who worked so hard with the children throughout the lockdowns and since the full reopening.

Open the Bible

Our children love the weekly Open the Bible Assembly. The Open the Bible team take a story from the Bible and dramatise it using costumes, props and quite often some of the children as actors. They are looking for willing volunteers, parents, grandparents or carers who can give up a bit of time once a week. The scripts are written in advance and they meet for a quick rehearsal before each assembly. Please let us know if you are interested and we will pass on your details.

Green day

We took part in the Essex Green Day on July 6th. As well as trying to save energy in school by reducing our electricity use, the children also used natural materials for their art work throughout the week. Our carbon footprint display in the entrance area encourages us to think about our impact on the environment.



Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Evening on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many visitors and to hear all the positive comments about the work on display.





Summer Reading scheme

Our Assembly today (Friday) will be all about the Library Summer Reading Challenge. The children will bring home a leaflet and I really hope that the children will take part. We know how important fluent reading is to ensure academic progress in all subjects. A few minutes, or more with a book every day will really have an impact by the end of the holidays.

Please see below for details about the Gadgeteers challenge.



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Get ready for Gadgeteers, arriving in your local library this summer!

Children across Essex are being challenged to help the Gadgeteers by reading six books and earning cool stickers. Along the way they'll discover amazing science and innovation in the world around us. If they complete the challenge they receive a certificate and medal. Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website:

libraries.essex.gov.uk

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